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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING A PRIVACY FEATURE IN A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for securely transferring information in a communications system. Signals are generated by a communications keypad. In response to receiving an input indicating activation of a secure data transfer mode, these signals are converted from the communications keypad into speech signals, and the speech signals are transmitted to a receiving party.